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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/557,999

Examiner

Brenda Pham

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/08/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,6-20,24 and 25.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

**BRENDA PHAM
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

Brenda A. Pham 2/8/07

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Arlene P. Neal, Reg. No. 43,828 on February 7, 2007.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 14, "the network element which is configured to receive communications" is amended to "the network element receives communications"

Claim 2, line 2, "the gateway is further configured to store information" is amended to "the gateway further stores information".

Claim 6, line 2, "a gatekeeper element is configured to control the updating" is amended to "a gatekeeper element controls the updating".

Claim 7, line 3, "the gatekeeper is configured to poll a plurality of network elements" is amended to "the gatekeeper polls a plurality of network elements".

Claim 15, line 2, "the gateway is configured to check" is amended to "the gateway checks".

Claim 19, page 6, line 3 "the network element which is configured to receive communications" is amended to "the network element receives communications".

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Claim 20, line 8, "wherein the gateway is configured to check" is amended to "wherein the gateway checks"

Claim 20, page 7, line 1 "the network element which is configured to receive communications" is amended to "the network element receives communications".

Claim 24, line 15, "the network element which is configured to receive communications" is amended to "the network element receives communications"

Claim 24, page 8, line 1 "a gatekeeper element is configured to control" is amended to "a gatekeeper element controls"

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. Claims 1-2, 6-20, 24-25 allowed over prior art made of record.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art made of record fails to teach or fairly suggests in combination a gateway for permitting communications between the first and second parts, the gateway comprising a register for storing information associating the first and second users and for storing information relating to the current location of the first user so that information from the second user can be directed to first user, wherein the first user is a mobile terminal which is in communication with a base station which is coupled to a respective network element and information relating to the identity of the network element stored in the register as the current location information of the first user; and an identifier allocated in the network element receives communications intended for the first user is stored in the register.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

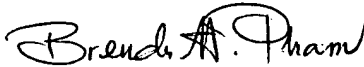
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-3135. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn D. Feild, can be reached on (571) 272-2092.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

February 7, 2007

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